

periphery - surface of a solid

II. Claims Amendments

1. (Presently Amended) A preloadable implantation device (1) comprising a hollow needle (2) and a body (3) adjoining the needle, the body (3) comprising an elongated part (4) extending along the same axis as the needle (2), a plunger (5) that can be displaced within the elongated part (4) and the needle (2), the periphery of the plunger (5) defining a channel (6) in the elongated part (4), and a chamber (7) capable of holding an implant (8) upon preloading, characterized in that the chamber (7) is positioned radially outside the channel (6) and has a directly or indirectly open connection to the channel (6) and is closed after preloading, the plunger (5) being capable of closing off and opening up the chamber (7) by being displaced.

2. (Cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer)

3. (Previously Amended) The implantation device of Claim 1, further comprising an implant (8) held in chamber (7).

4. (Previously Amended) The implantation device of Claim 3, wherein said implant is a hormonal implant.

5. (Previously Amended) The implantation device of Claim 7, further comprising an implant (8) held in chamber (7).

6. (Previously Amended) The implantation device of Claim 5, wherein said implant is a hormonal implant.

7. (Previously added) The implantation device of Claim 1 wherein the profile of the hollow needle (2) is chamfered.

8. (Presently Amended) The implantation device of Claim 7 wherein the profile of the plunger (5) is chamfered, ~~whereby~~ wherein the profile of the needle (2) and the plunger (5) coincide.

Claims 9-12 (Cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer)